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A FORMER KODAK EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO RECEIVING KICKBACKS

RE: UNITED STATES V. ROGER BENTON

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today that Roger Benton, age 49, of Rochester, New York, has pleaded guilty in front of United States District Court Judge David G. Larimer to a felony information charging a scheme to defraud Eastman Kodak Company by use of the United States mails, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1341, which carries a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and/or \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who is handling the case, stated that Benton was, until early 2005, employed as a mechanic at Kodak in Rochester, New York. While working at Kodak, he introduced another Kodak employee to a company named Pro-Mold, Inc. which provided molding services to Kodak. During the years 1997 through 2000, the other Kodak employee, who was also a mechanic at Kodak, would hire Pro-Mold, Inc. to provide services to Kodak. After receiving Pro-Mold, Inc.'s initial bid, the other Kodak employee and Pro-Mold, Inc. would increase the bid so that Pro-Mold, Inc. would receive an inflated amount from Kodak. The inflated amount represented the amount to be kickbacked to the other employee and Benton, minus the taxes paid on such amount by Pro-Mold, Inc.

During the years 1997 through 2000, the inflated contracts awarded to Pro-Mold, Inc. resulted in a total loss to Kodak of \$189,174.

The conviction was the culmination of an joint investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Laurie J. Bennett , Special Agent in Charge, and the United States Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of William E. Kezer.

Sentencing for Benton is scheduled for September 19, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

